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Protest of Non-Entry Of September 17, 2004 Response to Office Action dated June 17, 2004 (1 p.); Fee Transmittal Form (1 p.); Copies of previously submitted Fee Transmittal Forms (2 p.)

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Sir:

This paper is filed in conjunction with applicant's reply to the Notice of Fee Deficiency dated September 28, 2004. While the Response to Office Action filed by Applicants on September 1.7, 2004 did not include a Fee Transmittal Form, Applicants respectfully submit that Fee Transmittal forms filed in July 2003 and December 2003 (copies attached) both included authorization to "charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application." Therefore the excess claims fee that was required with the September 2004 filing should have been charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account.

As indicated on the attached Fee Transmittal form Applicants request that the required fee be charged and that the previously filed Response to Office Action be entered in the present case. If there are any questions regarding the foregoing, please telephone the undersigned.

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